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PLEASE NOTE SOME TIMES MAY DIFFER DUE TO EASTER
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ST JOSEPH'S (Est 1835), Cnr King St &
New England Hwy, East Maitland
Vigil 5.00pm; Sunday 8.30am
Youth Mass 6.00pm

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST (Est 1841)
Maitland

SACRED HEART, New England Hwy,
Campbell's Hill - Vigil 6.30pm.

celebrated at St Paul's Rutherford

HOLY FAMILY, 11 John St, Largs
Sunday 8.00am.

ST COLUMBA'S, Cnr Prince & Church
Sts, Paterson - Sunday 9.30am

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Est 1871)
Cnr George & James Sts, Morpeth
Sunday 7.15am.

ST PATRICK'S (Est 1905), 55 New
England Hwy, Lochinvar -
Sunday 9.30am.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES (Est 1947), Cnr
Anderson Dr & Delprat Ave, Beresfield
Vigil 6.00pm.

ST PAUL'S (Est 1961), 10 Young St,
Rutherford - Sunday 8.00am.

Ministers

**All baptised members of the
community**

Ministry Team

Parish Priest: Fr George Anthicad

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We are in the country of the Worimi,
Gamilleroi, Wonnarua, Gweagul,
Darkinjung, Biripi and Awabakal peoples.
We respectfully acknowledge their Elders,
celebrate their continuing culture and the
living memory of their ancestors.

Entrance Antiphon

I have risen, and I am with you still,
alleluia. You have laid your hand upon
me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this
knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his
resurrection from the dead.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his
household: 'You must have heard about
the recent happenings in Judaea; about
Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in
Galilee, after John had been preaching
baptism. God had anointed him with the
Holy Spirit and with power, and because
God was with him, Jesus went about
doing good and curing all who had fallen
into the power of the devil. Now I, and
those with me, can witness to everything
he did throughout the countryside of
Judaea and in Jerusalem itself; and also
to the fact that they killed him by
hanging him on a tree, yet three days
afterwards God raised him to life and
allowed him to be seen, not by the
whole people but only by certain
witnesses God had chosen beforehand.
Now we are those witnesses – we have
eaten and drunk with him after his
resurrection from the dead – and he has
ordered us to proclaim this to his people
and to tell them that God has appointed
him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It
is to him that all the prophets bear this
witness: that all who believe in Jesus
will have their sins forgiven through his
name.'

**The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm

**This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end. Let the sons of
Israel say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up. I shall not
die, I shall live and recount his deeds.
(R.)

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone. This is
the work of the Lord, a marvel in our
eyes. (R.)

Second Reading Col 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to
the Colossians

*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ
is.*

Since you have been brought back to
true life with Christ, you must look for
the things that are in heaven, where
Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.

Let your thoughts be on heavenly
things, not on the things that are on the
earth, because you have died, and now
the life you have is hidden with Christ in
God. But when Christ is revealed – and
he is your life – you too will be revealed
in all your glory with him.

**The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God**

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer
sacrifice and praise. The sheep are
ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the
undefiled, hath sinners to his Father
reconciled. Death with life contended:
combat strangely ended! Life's own
Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell
us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon
the way. The tomb the Living did
enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting; shroud with
grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope,
has risen: he goes before you into
Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from
the dead we know. Victorious king, thy
mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become
our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with
joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John

*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from
the dead.*

It was very early on the first day of the
week and still dark, when Mary of
Magdala came to the tomb. She saw
that the stone had been moved away
from the tomb and came running to
Simon Peter and the other disciple, the
one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the
Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we
don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple
to go to the tomb. They ran together, but
the other disciple, running faster than
Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent
down and saw the linen cloths lying on
the ground, but did not go in. Simon
Peter who was following now came up,
went right into the tomb, saw the linen
cloths on the ground, and also the cloth
that had been over his head; this was
not with the linen cloths but rolled up in
a place by itself. Then the other disciple
who had reached the tomb first also
went in; he saw and he believed. Till this
moment they had failed to understand
the teaching of scripture, that he must
rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

Reflecting on Easter, Pope Francis highlights the importance of 'walking away from the tomb.' Once found, faith must be lived.

As Saint Peter said, 'we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people.' Easter is, in a sense, the starting point of our Christian responsibilities.

Living the Easter mystery means becoming a joyful Easter people.

We must, therefore, be open to action and change. We cannot become stuck in our ways, crippled by doubt, despair or habit. As Pope Francis says, Easter shows us that 'it is always possible to begin anew, because there is always a new life that God can awaken in us in spite of all our failures.'

The annual celebration of Easter reminds us that what we celebrate is present here and now. Ours is a living faith. As the Pope adds, 'faith is not an album of past memories; Jesus is not outdated. He is alive here and now.' Easter is a celebration of the mystery that Jesus is present. He is here, in both the need of the world and through the actions of His followers.

So, having celebrated the mystery, we are sent forth to live it. 'Having made himself present in the heart of our world,' the Pope points out, Jesus 'invites us to overcome barriers, banish prejudices and draw near to those around us every day in order to rediscover the grace of everyday life.'

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Nick Brodie is an Australian historian and writer who is currently Dean of Academic Studies of Jane Franklin Hall in Hobart. A graduate of the Australian National University, Flinders University, and the University of Tasmania, he is the author of several books on Australian history and numerous essays on historical, political, and religious topics. In 2017 he was awarded the Bruce Mansfield Prize for the best article in the Journal of Religious History. He is currently studying Theology.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

Celebrant: On the Resurrection of Christ Jesus, let us pray to God.

Prayer leader

For all people receiving the Sacraments for the first time this weekend, who are now our sisters and brothers in Christ: that they may always treasure the Easter Sacraments, and always be a light to shine for Jesus.Let us pray...**Lord hear us**

For the grace of Easter, that as we brought the light of Christ into this darkened building, so may we bring that light into our world and help to scatter the darkness of sin and disbelief....Let us pray...**Lord hear us**

We pray for Peace and reconciliation in lands of war and civil unrest. Through the power of the Risen Lord Jesus, may all hatred, injustice and violence be abolished from our worldLet us pray...**Lord hear us**

We pray for Pope Francis, as he calls all people to the peace and reconciliation of our Saviour, may the risen Jesus strengthen and console him. . . . Let us pray. . . **Lord hear us.**

For those who are not well and unable to attend Eucharist this Easter with us, may they feel the presence of our Loving Lord in their time of trialLet us pray. . . **Lord hear us..**

For brothers and sisters who have gone before. May they share fully in the Resurrection of our Saviour. . . . Let us pray. . . **Lord hear us.**

Celebrant: Holy God and Father, on this Holy night, hear and grant our needs, for we ask them through our risen Saviour, Your Son, Christ our Lord.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. AMEN.

Communion Antiphon Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

We pray those who have died this week

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Frank Blake Jnr, Brian Reginald Dimmock, Carol Johnson, Barry Lantry, Frances Lantry, John Lear, John Sheridan, Daphne Smith, Jim Tobin (Tuncurry), Michael William Woodhead,

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Mari Shivanthi Abeykeon, Angeles Adapon, Teresa Almanza, Ian-Christopher Bajo, Lorraine Bartlett, Patrick Brennan, Judy Mary Carmody, Olga Charlton, Brendan Cleaveland, Timothy Clifton, Luke Crotty, Oneli Disaaynayake, Alfredo Doctor, James Edwards, Mary Ferry, John Fielding, Yvonne Mary Fielding, Dianne Fryer, Rev Fr Joseph Selvan Fifarado, Barbara Filas, Annette & Pete Flood, Greg Grainger, Leanne Hardy, Gregory Hurney, Randy Janzen, Jolanta Jenkinson, Karen Kenyon, Michael Lockyer, Nonette Mase, Judy Massey, Marielle Munoz, Carlo Panlilio, Collin Perera, Jen Phillips, Anthony Y Poblador (USA), Mary Pullin, Rohini Rajakaruna, Olga Roberts, Olga Rusak, Biyatrise Samaratunga, Steven Small, Anne Standing, Bill Temperley, Nilda Walker, John Williams, Gary Wills, Maureen Wilson, Jo Winkler

We pray for those who will be Baptised

Isaac Stanley Marsh, Jacob Geoffrey Marsh,

We pray for the RCIA Neophytes

Steven Good, Hayley Grosveld, Kyle Haines, Rebecca Haines, Melissa Haley, Lachlan Jones-Mashman, Jamie Kent, Luke Kent, Kylie Murray, Belinda Shaw, Chris Shaw

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility if you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable adult please contact the Office of Safeguarding: P 4979 1390

HE IS RISEN



The love of God calls for a response from each of us,
and the only adequate response to love is love;
a love that is true and faithful; a love that is patient and
kind; a love that generates peace and joy;
a love that binds people together.

I wish you, your family, and loved ones a truly Happy Easter.



Follow this link to view our Bishop's Easter Message
[VID643 16x9 YT NoText \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VID64316x9YT)

Easter joy to all our parishioners and your families

With love from

Fr George, Fr Camillus, Fr Priyantha, Fr Maurie

Louise, Janine, Sandra and Bec

The parish office will be closed to the public on
Tuesday 2nd April 2024.

PIETY STALL AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH EAST MAITLAND
Open this weekend. Easter books for sale.

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2024 Lenten appeal

Please return your Project compassion boxes or envelopes as soon as possible to your church or parish office.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 7TH April 2024

St Joseph's Church, East Maitland - 2.30pm to 3.30pm

Relic of St Faustina—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—Divine Mercy Chaplet—Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament—Confessions

Novena of Mercy

Good Friday 29th March to Saturday 6th April

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The Maitland Parish Community invite all people to come and join us in **praying the Rosary to Our Blessed Mother on Monday nights, 7pm at St Paul's Church, Rutherford**. There will be a petition box available if you would like to place your own personal petition.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Community pray the Rosary together each Saturday night before Mass, commencing at 5.30pm. Everyone is warmly invited to join us.

Sacred Heart Market Day - St. Johns Hall Maitland during the **Steamfest weekend on April 13th & 14th**, from 10am to 4:30pm. A variety of stalls offering handmade items and pre-loved goods and delicious refreshments. To apply for a space email stevenbcampbell@yahoo.com.au

Bible Study for families & youth (18 -35) at 6pm in the Prayer Room of the East Maitland Church. Tuesdays during school term. RSVP Sr Paula 0449656406

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Tues 2nd April

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 3rd April

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 4th April

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Fri 5th April

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 6th April

8.00am Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sun 7th April

9.00am Mass—Polish, St Mary's Chapel (Victoria St Maitland)

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 1st April

9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tues 2nd April

9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 3rd April

9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Thurs 4th April

9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7.00pm Marian Movement of Priests Rosary
Both at St Joseph's East Maitland

Fri 5th April

7.30am Fri—8am Sat 6th April Adoration, St Joseph's, EM
9.30am Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield

See front of bulletin for weekend Mass times